

IN THE  
INDIANA SUPREME COURT

IN THE MATTER OF )  
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL )  
OF LOCAL RULES )  
FOR COURTS OF RECORD I )  
FULTON COUNTY )

Case No:


REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULE  
RE-ADOPTING CURRENT CASELOAD  
ALLOCATION RULE

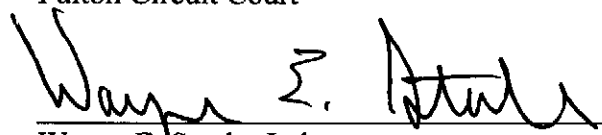
The judges of the courts of record of Fulton County have met and reviewed the 2007 weighted caseload statistics of the courts of record, which review reveals that the difference in utilization between any two courts of record does not exceed .40 based on the 2007 Weighted Caseload Report.

Accordingly, the judges of the courts of record have decided to re-adopt their local rule pertaining to caseload allocation as required by Administrative Rule 1, which local rule had previously been published for public comment as required by Trial Rule 81 and which has been approved by the Supreme Court as AL-25-AR1(e)-3, and request the Supreme Court to approve the re-adoption of the local caseload allocation rule.

SUBMITTED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2008.

For the Courts of Record of Fulton County

  
Douglas B. Morton, Judge  
Fulton Circuit Court

  
Wayne E. Steele, Judge  
Fulton Superior Court

**LR25-AR1(E)-3**  
(Formerly Local Administrative Rule 3)

The undersigned courts comprise all of the courts of record of Fulton County, Indiana and hereby adopt the following local rule in compliance with the directives of the Indiana Supreme Court to assure relative balance of caseload among all courts of each county.

1. Current filing methods require the filing of all juvenile proceedings in Fulton Circuit Court and all small claims and infractions proceedings in Fulton Superior Court. Criminal case assignment is directed by Local Rules for Non-Discretionary Assignment of Criminal Cases, requiring all misdemeanor and traffic felony cases into Fulton Superior Court and all other felonies to be divided between the courts by date. All other civil and probate matters may be filed in the court selected by the party initiating the cause of action.

2. Fulton County courts are comfortably in compliance with all guidelines suggested by the Weight Caseload Measures statistical analysis for balance of caseload, and have been since the 1993 inception of the Fulton Superior Court. No modification of existing filing methods are deemed necessary.

3. At any time that annual caseload statistics reflect an imbalance of greater than 25%, the judges of the Fulton County courts shall meet within 45 days and submit such amendment to this rule as may be necessary to achieve continuing compliance. In addition, should the judges of Fulton County agree that an emergency circumstance exists relating to caseload imbalance, then they may meet at any time and submit such an amendment.